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SUBJECT: CALLAGHAN DISCUSSION WITH MAKARIOS

1. CALLAGHAN HAS REPORTED 45-MINUTE DISCUSSION WITH MAKARIOS IN KINGSTON APRIL 30. HE NOTED MAKARIOS DID NOT SEEM AWARE OF LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN CLERIDES-DENKTASH TALKS. (FYI BRITISH TOLD BY CLERIDES THAT HE IS NOT REPORTING TO MAKARIOS.)

2. MAKARIOS NOTED WEAKNESS OF DEMIREL'S POSITION IN TURKEY. AS LONG AS THERE WAS NO AGREEMENT TO THE SIZE OF THE TURKISH ZONE AND TO THE NATURE OF THE FEDERATION, MAKARIOS TOLD CALLAGHAN, THERE WAS NO NEED TO DISCUSS THE POWERS OF THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT. HE UNDERSTOOD THE TURKS NOW WANT TO KEEP FAMAGUSTA AND MORPHOU, ONLY RETURNING A FEW VILLAGES. HE WAS AFRAID TURKISH CYPRIOTS MIGHT DECLARE AN INDEPENDENT STATE, IN WHICH CASE HE WOULD INSIST ON 1960 CONSTITUTION. MAKARIOS WAS NOT
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OPTIMISTIC, BUT HE HAD NOT LOST ALL HOPE. HE UNDERSTOOD

CLERIDES WAS MORE OPTIMISTIC.

3. CALLAGHAN DREW ATTENTION TO THE ABSENCE OF EFFECTIVE WESTERN LEVERAGE ON THE TURKS. HE SUGGESTED CARAMANLIS AND DEMIREL MAY BE ABLE TO DISCUSS CYPRUS PROBLEMS ON THE MARGINS OF UPCOMING NATO HEADS OF GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE. CALLAGHAN SAID IT MIGHT BE USEFUL IF CHRISTOPHIDES SHOULD BE IN BRUSSELS AT THE SAME TIME AND WITHIN THEIR REACH. CALLAGHAN ALSO SUGGESTED THAT MAKARIOS CONSIDER MERITS OF APPROACHING EACH PROBLEM STEP-BY-STEP, MOVING FROM ONE TO THE NEXT AS PROGRESS WAS MADE UNTIL ALL WERE READY FOR A FINAL SETTLEMENT. MAKARIOS RESPONDED FAVORABLY.

4. CHRISTOPHIDES, WHO WAS ALSO PRESENT, SUGGESTED KINGSTON COMMUNIQUE MIGHT CONTAIN A REFERENCE ON CYPRUS. CALLAGHAN REPLIED HE SAW NOTHING WRONG WITH ASKING THAT COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES HELP SYG WALDHEIM. (FCO OFFICIALS TELL US THEY PROVIDED CALLAGHAN WITH POSSIBLE DRAFT RESOLUTION ALONG THOSE LINES.)

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